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U. S. Senate Closes Last Avenue to Prosecution of Mellon Aluminum Trust

Debs Column

We Want to Know

The evils of the liquor traffic are in many respects more iniquitous and abominating under prohibition than they were in the days of the open saloon.

There is a widespread popular revolt against present conditions which is becoming more pronounced and emphatic each day.

This prohibition as a coercive governmental measure has utterly failed in the seven years it has been on trial, to either prevent the manufacture or to materially lessen the consumption of liquor. Is a fact no intelligent man can fail to see and no honest man will deny.

The whole scheme of prohibition enforcement is permeated with graft and corruption, and the whole country is rampant with resentment and contempt; not only for the prohibition amendment and the enforcement laws but for all laws and for the government itself responsible for such a shocking travesty upon civil administration.

Thousands of so-called prohibitionists are simply bootleggers in disguise and many of them have been caught red-handed and publicly exposed to the rest under rank suspicion.

Prohibition pays large dividends to the bootleggers and breeds bootleggers.

No wonder the bootlegger, the purveyor of poison, the debauched and debauched, about lustfully for prohibition.

And no wonder the hypocrites at Washington, sitting in our highest legislative chamber, vote for prohibition while most of them have a brown jug in their cellar or know the way to the back door of some foreign legation.

Now there is one question we want to ask the professional prohibitionists and we want them to answer it directly.

Why are they silent as a graveyard in the face of what they affect to abhor and detest, as they say, to the very keystone in the arch of vicious abomination?

Do they not so much as hint or even at taking the profit out of the business and thereby destroy root and branch at one blow?

Capitalist professional prohibitionists will not answer; they dare not answer and the reason is perfectly plain. They are themselves the beneficiaries of profit, and the bulwarks of the profit system and profit means exploitation, which in turn means robbery, oppression, misery, ignorance, misery, prostration and dirt. Whether the profit is derived from the whisky traffic or any other branch of commercial capital it is equally immoral, vicious and inexcusable, and no man who has conscience enough to see it and honest enough to keep his hands and his clean stand for it a single moment.

The fact is that most of the leading politicians are themselves exploiting other beneficiaries of the profit system and they know that if the profit can be taken out of liquor and problem rationally solved it can be taken out of other industries and the same vexing problems also solved.

That would mean the abolition of capitalism itself, for without exception, without robbery, plunder and corruption and criminality of all that refrom, capitalism would collapse in its stolen boots.

Socialists have the remedy and only remedy for the liquor traffic; the only remedy that will stop bootlegging and poisonous adulteration, the genuine temperance, and give a better world.

Colonialize the liquor traffic business; let it controlled by the government to remove the profit, and supply the demand of the people at actual cost under proper regulation—and that will forever destroy this vile institution.

Fifty-One Years

February 27th is always an interesting day, as well as a suggestive date in my life.

On that day, fifty-one years ago, I was a youth of nineteen years old, and my entry into the labor movement.

We were twenty-one of us char-

Appeal Will Issue Special Edition As Climax of Fight for Debs Citizenship

The bugle call of the American Appeal for a rousing, effective, nation-wide demand for the restoration of Debs' citizenship rights, in support of the fight Congressman Berger has started in the House to that end, has already developed a response that is a surprise even to the hopeful management and staff of the American Appeal and Socialist party.

IT HAS CONVINCED THEM THAT HERE IS AN ISSUE THAT IN POTENTIAL STRENGTH, VOLUME, POSSIBILITIES AND IN IMMEDIATE URGENCY OVERWHELMING AND SETS ASIDE EVERYTHING ELSE.

IT HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN DECIDED TO MAKE THE FIRST SPECIAL EDITION OF THE APPEAL—which was scheduled to arrive and will appear on May 1, 1926—a SPECIAL EDITION THAT WILL CENTER UPON THE DEBS' CASE AS THE TYPE OF ALL SUCH CASES AND ALL SUCH VIOLATIONS OF THE AMERICAN IDEA OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY. It will be called—

The Debs Citizenship Special

Among the letters that are coming in revealing how deeply the people are touched by the spectacle of the foremost man of America deprived of his birthright like a felon, while grafters, crooks and criminals honey-comb our government and dominate in our land, we select one for our readers to contemplate:

An Indignant Citizen

"Editor American Appeal:

"Why petition Congress for the restoration of Debs' citizenship?

"Debs has not been degraded. He has been distinguished. More particularly when the character of those who annulled his citizenship is compared with his. He is not merely by courtesy, but in fact, America's first citizen.

"By the overwhelming majority of the hundred and twenty million population of the United States—by millions who oppose his beliefs and ideals—Gene Debs is hailed as among the purest, the choicest, the truest and bravest of America's living leading citizens; and deemed worthy of a place with the most illustrious characters that have embellished American history. He is regarded and deserves to be, as the most upstanding and outstanding figure in the public life of this nation today.

"To beg citizenship for Debs is on a par with beseeching pardon for Jesus Christ. I do not make the comparison lightly or offensively. Gene is recognized as a great American and sterling patriot, while those who annulled his citizenship are as completely forgotten as those who nailed Christ to the cross and pierced His side. I, for one, cannot plead for Debs with those who would have crucified him long ago, had not crucifixion gone out of fashion."

Why Fight Must Go On

This letter expresses strikingly the enormity of the situation wherein America's foremost character is deprived of citizenship merely for voicing sincere opposition to something that has since been recognized by the majority of the people as a monstrous international crime—the World War.

The campaign to obtain justice for Comrade Debs must be pushed for the sake of America, for the sake of whatever liberty or democracy remains in this country; for the sake of the reputation and honor of our country.

If Debs is permitted to go down to his grave under the unjust status imposed upon him by this government, as an alien and a felon, not only will there remain against this country an ineradicable stain. BUT A MOST DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WILL HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WHICH WILL BE USED IN THE FUTURE BY THE RULING CLASS TO OUTLAW AND HOUND TO DESTRUCTION EVERY SINCERE OPPONENT OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM AND HONEST CHAMPION OF TRUEST AND HIGHEST AMERICANISM.

This campaign started by Congressman Berger and taken up by the American Appeal is not of Comrade Debs' making. In his home in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he writes editorials for the Appeal, he has finally consented to the use of his name and personality as the central figure in this great and important fight.

THIS CAMPAIGN—AND THIS DEBS' CITIZENSHIP EDITION OF THE APPEAL—REPRESENTS A FIGHT FOR A HIGHER PRINCIPLE—IN IT DEBS STANDS FOR EVERY HIGH MINDED IDEALIST AND PATRIOT WHO HAS BEEN ACCORDED SIMILAR TREATMENT. THE SPECIAL EDITION, MAY 1, 1926, AND THE CAMPAIGN LEADING UP TO IT AND THE CULMINATION OF BERGER'S FIGHT IN CONGRESS WILL BE WAGED FOR THE RIGHT OF EVERY TRUE CITIZEN TO EXPRESS HIS SINCERE BELIEFS AT ALL TIMES IN THIS REPUBLIC. WHICH WAS NEVER QUESTIONED UNTIL THE WORLD WAR.

England at Door of Socialism, Say Distinguished Labor Party Visitors

England is right at the door of Socialism. There is strong probability that the British Labor Party, which has embraced the whole program of Socialism, will carry the next election. So are the British workers of these things that they have already worked out a practical plan of realizing Socialism as soon as the Labor Party comes into power. The Independent Labor Party, which is a part of the British Labor Party, and which represents the educational side of the Socialist movement of Great Britain, is carrying on the greatest propaganda and organization movement for Socialism in the history of any country, "to bring Socialism in our day."

Heralds of Good Tidings

Socialism is gaining ground in Great Britain as never before. It is rapidly winning the great class of clerks, making unexampled inroads in the colleges and universities and surprising gains among the churches. The Liberal Party has been forced in sheer self-defense to adopt the principle of land socialization. THE COAL COMMISSION, UNABLE TO CHECK THIS GREAT TIDE, HAS RECOMMENDED THE STATE-OWNERSHIP OF THE COAL INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH IT IS CONTROLLED BY CONSERVATIVES.

May Win Next Election

"What are the prospects for the British Labor Party?" was the first question that was asked them.

Comrade Oswald Mosley, "a very

pleasant and a very enthusiastic young man, acted as spokesman for them.

"The Conservative won the last election by 7,000,000 votes. The Labor Party received 5,000,000 votes. A swing of a million votes to the Labor Party side will place it in power. Socialism is unquestionably gaining ground very rapidly now. The bye-elections showed a decided swing to Labor. What is known as the "black-coated" workers of Great Britain, clerks and office workers, one of the largest groups in England, formerly strongly opposed to Socialism, are coming to use very rapidly now, especially the lower-paid members of this group.

Spreading Among Churches

"Socialism is making perceptible advances in the colleges and universities. Strong Socialist groups have developed in the last few years in Oxford and Cambridge. I recall that two years ago a Socialist motion carried in Cambridge University."

"What about the churches, Comrade Mosley? The growth of Socialist thought in the churches of America, especially in the Church Youth movement, is one of the most surprising and encouraging recent developments here."

"For some time there has been a distinct swing toward Socialism and

degree of guilt that has scarcely been paralleled in the history of this country.

According to the Coolidge Federal Trade Commission,

The Aluminum Company of America controls the world supply of raw material used in making aluminum and the sale of products manufactured from aluminum.

In this country the Aluminum Company since 1923 has produced more than 95 per cent of the virgin sheet aluminum.

It is sole producer of virgin aluminum ingots in the United States.

It owns 36 per cent of the stock of the largest manufacturer of aluminum cooking utensils in the United States and 100 per cent of the second largest.

It owns altogether 100 per cent of the stock of 34 corporations, more than 50 per cent of the stock of nine corporations, and less than 50 per cent of the stock of 17 corporations.

Former Attorney General Stone, who was retained in office by Coolidge until he resigned and who was succeeded by the present Attorney General, Sargent, declared that this corporation had violated the anti-trust law and ought to be prosecuted.

Attorney General Sargent, an appointee of Coolidge's from Coolidge's native state, has steadily refused to prosecute this company, despite the findings of the Republican Federal Trade Commission, the declaration of the former Republican Attorney General and inconstant demands from United States Senators.

With the object of compelling prosecution of this gigantic private interest the Senate Judiciary Committee, the majority of which are Republicans, reported favoring a thorough investigation of this company.

Confronting all these convincing facts from fellow Republicans, the solid administration bloc of Republican Senators voted to prevent an investigation, to protect one of the most complete monopolies in America, to save their party from the just stigma of guilt and scandal at the expense of truth, honor, law, justice and common decency. This act of venality, treason, betrayal and political degradation make a degree of ascendancy and control over the government by the trusts new even in America.

The bare facts concerning this monopoly fixes upon these senators a

Big Double-Header Program to Arouse Nation Over Debs Case

EVER DIRECTED UPON CONGRESS.

The other part involved THE MIGHTIEST FLOOD OF RESOLUTIONS BY ORGANIZATIONS EVER TURNED UPON THAT BODY.

It is imperative that every friend of Debs in the country become acquainted with these two methods of SHOWING THE GOVERNMENT THE REAL CHARACTER AND METAL OF AMERICA'S CITIZENSHIP.

The Petition Program

The method of carrying out the program of storming Congress to the limit with petitions for the restoration of Debs' citizenship was described in the last issue of the Appeal. We repeat it here.

Clip the petition for the restoration of citizenship to Debs which is printed on the last page of this issue of the Appeal. Or formulate a petition yourself.

Attach the petition to blank sheets of paper for the names and addresses of citizens.

GET AS SOON AS YOU CAN, AS MANY LEGAL SIGNATURES AS YOU CAN.

Then send these lists of names and addresses with petition attached to the American Appeal, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE NAME OF THE CONGRESSMAN OF YOUR DISTRICT.

The Appeal will send them to your congressman at the proper time, as it is in touch with Congressman Berger.

While you are preparing these petitions write at once to your congressman asking him HOW HE INTENDS TO VOTE WHEN THE BERGER RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE RESTORATION OF DEBS' CITIZENSHIP COMES UP BEFORE THE HOUSE.

WE WANT EVERY READER WHO GETS THIS NUMBER OF THE APPEAL TO DO BOTH OF THESE THINGS. IF YOU DO THIS YOU WILL START THE BIGGEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THIS COUNTRY IN YEARS.

While individual citizens are flood-

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No Wrong Can Live Long Under Free Discussion

The Staff Blushes Collectively Over This Fine Praise from Debs

By Eugene V. Debs

The busiest haunt I have seen in many a day is the National Office of the Socialist party in Chicago.

I have just returned from there and still am vibrant with the buzz of activity. It is a veritable beehive in its bustle and busting, and I thoroughly enjoyed it, but am glad to have escaped with my life.

I came perilously near being drawn into the maelstrom and disappearing in the rapids.

The old office is buzzing once more and it was surely tonic to my blood to look upon that stirring scene, even as an innocent bystander.

Oh, but they are busy there, and not only busy but rushed almost out of their wits to keep the rapidly rising tide of mail from overwhelming them.

That would be sad indeed and they can hardly be blamed for deciding that their obituaries shall not yet be written.

But best and finest of all are the shining faces one sees there as these good comrades bend to their tasks, or what would be their tasks if they had to do the same work in some mill or factory producing profit for its owner.

These comrades of ours at headquarters have the liveliest in their eyes and the joy of life in their hearts, and their nimble fingers fairly dance over the keys of their machines because their work is in a cause they deem holy, and service to them is for the good of the cause as to inspire

therefore sacramental and has the thrill and thrill of exaltation.

The office hours are winged in this laboratory of labor and socialism where the loftiest idealism lightens every burden, warms every heart, every spirit, and is a perpetual inspiration to all its votaries.

Here we see Kirkpatrick, our National Secretary, with his sleeves rolled up and joyously buffeting with the tide of affairs all day long and most of the night; Mahlon Barnes buzzing about quietly chuckling over the situation but a trifle impatient because he cannot do all of a dozen different things at one and the same time; Murray King up to his eyebrows in everything a managing editor has to contend with and holding his own with admirable serenity; Mary O'Reilly, the latest acquisition to the editorial staff, dipping her gifted pen deep into the fountain of inspiration and producing a poem as readily as a paragraph; Mrs. Barnes, the very capable, energetic and tireless bookkeeper, her desk piled high with accumulations, wondering if the flood is ever to cease, and all of the several assistants in the various departments, including the redoubtable Comrade Henry, the last to be called to the rescue and always to be relied upon in an emergency, and the splendidly faithful and efficient girl typists and other equally capable and loyal helpers, each of them doing his or her level best, and all working together in such delightful unison and harmony.

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and command the highest respect and admiration.

Yes, dear comrades, the National Office is again buzzing with the old-time enthusiasm and activity; throbbing once more with life, red life, real life, the life renewed, refreshed, re-invigorated after its baptism of fire in the red bell of capitalist war.

The tide has turned at last and once more the party membership is increasing all over the country, while the circulation of the Appeal is mounting steadily at an amazing rate each hour of the day.

In this congressional year the Socialist party will be in the field full panopied for battle. Three years hence the party will be greater, stronger, better equipped, more militant, more aggressive, self-reliant and resolute in its determination to wipe out capitalism and put socialism in its place than ever before in its history.

All that is now needed is that each and every party member shall realize his duty and work in harmony with the National Office in making this the redeeming year of the Socialist party and the coming years the crowning ones of its conquest and glory.

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Socialism's Big Chance in America

Comrade George R. Kirkpatrick, national secretary, Socialist party, was the fifth speaker in the joint program of the University of Chicago Liberal Club and the Fellowship of Youth for Peace conducted in the interest of education for world peace.

The topic, "Peace Through Socialism," aroused the intense and earnest interest of several hundred students at the University of Chicago, precipitating questions and a discussion that lasted an hour and a half after the lecture. There is no doubt but that the Socialist remedy for war as presented by Comrade Kirkpatrick found many advocates and made new ones.

The movement toward world peace is working like a mighty leaven in America and with a spreading power little realized by those it has not yet touched. It touches Socialism at many points and there is an increasing number of young men and women who are being won to Socialism by their hatred of war, and their interest in world peace. Of all the movements now facing Socialism in America, perhaps none at this moment offers a greater opportunity for Socialist propaganda than the peace movement. The Socialist remedy is so logical that thousands of them accept it and once they accept the Socialist remedy for war, they are on the way to accept the Socialist remedy for all the basic evils of the present system.

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Our Washington Letter

By Mark Lewis

Itself strangled is evident, also, in the resolution that Senator Burton K. Wheeler introduced in the Senate asking for an investigation of his charge that the exclusion of Countess Karolyi was caused by certain forged documents which were prepared by detective agencies employed by the Hungarian minister to the United States.

If these charges are finally established, another diplomat will find himself out of a job. And they may be established. The bureaucrats who have been working hand in hand with the Italian and Hungarian ministers here to silence and suppress those opposed to the present regimes in those countries lack the honor which prevails in the underworld; here if a man is caught, his "friends" will desert and even squelch. A higher standard obtains in the underworld.

The decision provoked an attack from three quarters: first, from the National Woman's Party, which did not like the idea of a dual standard for men and women; of those groups that do not believe that indiscretions of the kind of which the Countess is accused, are sufficient to justify exclusion; and then from the Socialist, who is opposed to any exclusion policy, whether it be based upon the moral standards or the political beliefs of the alien.

The Socialist view, which is more or less in accord with the views of the other groups, and which may, therefore, become the basis of a fight on the present immigration laws and regulations was presented by Congressman Victor L. Berger, who proposed an amendment to the immigration law which would prevent exclusion except in cases where the alien had been convicted of an offense—amounting to a felony, and excepting those that may have been guilty of political crimes.

While this division was being declared, the House and Senate, in one day's consideration appropriated over \$100,000,000 each year, was enacted into law. Forty-two of that number will save \$20,000,000.

When other appropriate bills are taken up and passed, about \$4,000,000,000 will have been appropriated by this Congress, about 90 per cent of which will go to pay for the luxuries of war.

In the face of these tremendous requirements, intended in the main to secure the property owned by the 3,000 whose taxes are cut so substantially, and in the face, also, of a public debt of about \$20,000,000,000, on which we pay to Wall Street about \$1,000,000 in interest each year, the Rep-

ublican Party is generous in its relief to the ruling class.

Rail Labor Bill May Hit Farmers

At this writing it seems that the Parker-Watson bill, introduced to effectuate the agreement reached between the railroad brotherhoods and the railroad owners for the abolition of the railroad labor board, will be enacted into law. The farmers through two of their organizations made an eleventh-hour appeal to Congress to adopt an amendment which would give the Interstate Commerce Commission power to control wage agreements affecting rates. The bill, as proposed and amended, would enable the workers and the owners to agree on wage schedules, and unless there is some disagreement, in which event the matter would be referred to the board of conciliation, those agreements would stand.

The farmers know that if the masters and the workers of the railroads can devise a way by which the wages should be increased and the profits of the owners not reduced—which means that the increase would have to come from some other source—there will be no disagreement. The burden will be thrown upon the farmers, and also, to some extent, on other consumers who are not as well organized as the railroad workers.

But the protests of the farmers do not seem to make themselves felt. The leaders of the railroad brotherhoods got two reactionaries to introduce the measure in order to help secure its enactment. One of them, Senator Watson, will stand a better chance of being re-elected next November because of his sudden conversion to satisfactory labor legislation, while the Progressives, who expected to get an opportunity to make this fight, are finding themselves championing a measure already approved by the administration and accepted by the reactionaries.

fied, addressed and won a mob assembled to shoot or hang him. Some organizer.

Read the activity news in the Appeal News section.

The Tide Is Turning

No doubt about it, comrades—the tide is turning.

The American Appeal is clearly turning the tide toward victory.

Every hustler for the American Appeal is turning the tide.

Our book-keeper is working far harder than for years past—and looks ten years younger, smiling at the turning tide.

It is, of course, barely possible that there is not much doing where you are. But that, in great measure is up to you. You can not very well side-step your responsibility in this matter, comrade. Thousands of you show no signs of willingness to side-step. And that is just one of the signs that the tide is indeed turning.

The never weary Comrade Martin B. Heisler of Buffalo, has just purchased 2,000 copies of Congressman Berger's speech on the Income Tax, and gives assurance that a second order, for 3,000 or more, will soon arrive. He says, "The American Appeal is the greatest addition to the Socialist movement . . . Buffalo will presently supply a good proportion of Appeal readers."

Buffalo comrades are planning a Debs banquet and a rousing propaganda meeting "to establish real contact with affiliated Socialist sympathizers and former members of the Socialist Party."

The Pittsburgh comrades have mapped out a thoroughly interesting program for several days of the National Convention activities. The things they are going to do to us—and for us! Vision, common sense and co-operation finely characterize local Pittsburgh's present energetic activities.

Comrade Sheikgrove of Ohio writes a ringing letter and sends her check for \$26.00—in payment of some back dues and a year in advance as a member-at-large. Next?

Comrade Morrison of Milan, Mo., writes: "I have started out to round up a bunch and organize a local . . . I have been distributing a bundle of 'Silence' were used last Sunday; 500 copies of 'The Parable of the Water Tank' will be used next Sunday. 'Out of Work' will be next used, 500 copies. Comrade Graham writes: "We expect to organize a local here soon." Fifty copies of the National Office "Organization Letter" have been sent on request to each of five Montana comrades who will at once send out the call for local organization meetings. Montana is improving in the purchase of dues stamps. Comrade John MacKay is mixing a new supply of war-paint and will presently hit the trail for scalps. MacKay, gripping a revolver in his pocket, has de-

veloped a routine work or entertainment for the day and ANSWER THE CALL OF YOUR PARTY."

"After carefully reading this copy, give it to a friend.—Thank you."

Appeal Army Column

C. T. Stoney of Salt Lake City continues to rub it in. After bombarding us with shells containing more than 30 subs, he knocks us flat with a bomb loaded with nine more, and while we are trying to pick ourselves up he hits us in the midriff with the following message: "Now in regard to the little old sheet that comes to hand once a week, oh, boy! But it is surely a hummer! When I read its pages I feel that I want two million readers for it instead of one million. Any worker that reads the matter contained in that little paper and then goes back and votes either of the old party ticket deserves to be shot at sunrise on the morning before he does it." A few pot-shots like Comrade Stoney strategically placed throughout the country would sure get that two million.

The Utah climate must be good for repeaters. K. G. Locke of Salt Lake City comes back for the tenth time with a bunch of capitalists' scalps—three this time and more coming. Alfred Sorenson keeps banging away and hits us again with two.

Speaking of taking the scalps off from the enemy, Louis Rabenowitz of Chicago just drops into the Appeal office smilingly and delivers them in bunches of about 6 to 12 a week. It is safer and quicker for the Appeal staff than this here long range shooting.

Bernard Berlin, another Chicagoan, slips up upon us about once a week with bunches of prisoners. He knows how he has had 3 years' experience.

They must have a whole battery operating down in Indianapolis, with Emma Henry as the chief gunner. This comrade cluttered up this office with 24 prisoners in one month and then landed a bundle order yesterday that has kept the staff busy ever since digging out.

Chicago is taking advantage of the fact that it has the Appeal office surrounded and unable to escape. Just as we were beginning to feel easy, Florin Hall, secretary for the Cook County branch, lands a bunch of ten.

The Army must be getting ready for a new line of attack. W. A. Stolley of the Niedner Rifle Corporation lands a bunch of one pot shot.

Wow! C. A. Freeland of Debs' home town doesn't give us time to think. His latest hit is five in a bunch. Oh, you repeaters!

J. P. Morgan is going to have a hard time organizing his soft coat trust in West Virginia if Dr. M. S. Holt of Weston has his way. He fights Morgan the most effective way by fanning a bunch of six subs.

An Oklahoma doctor, Dr. A. C. Jenner of Durant, also has the right kind of medicine for capitalism—7 yearly Appeal subs.

August Claessens of Bronx, N. Y., is still hitting hard. He turns over four more for a course in Socialism.

Fred Fraley of Salina, Kan., managing editor of the Kansas Leader, finds time to gun for Appeal subs. His latest batch is four.

Wow! Those pot-shot sharpshooters have got the Appeal staff going around in circles: C. F. Glover, St. Louis, 4; George Miller, New Haven, 6; C. A. Steele, Kam., West Va., 6; Sam Belzberg, Los Angeles, 5; Frank Urtiz, Morgan, Pa., 6; A. R.

Fink, Detroit, 3; and the following double-barreled hits: M. Friedman, Altoona, Pa.; Benjamin Stern, Hallowell, Maine; Jennie L. Harvey, Cleveland; L. G. Madore, La Place, La.; A. Milway, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Joseph Bold, Penn. Pa.; C. E. Buddison, Goodland, Kan.; Monroe E. Keller, Newmarket, Mass.; Dr. R. B. Green, Chicago; Dr. D. J. Heckman, Ottumwa, Iowa; Cora Bixler, Lancaster, Pa.; 13 subs); Mrs. Karl Klein, Milwaukee; E. K. Dumir, Morgantown, W. Va. (3 subs); W. T. Davison, Velpen, Ind. (3 subs); Nick Weltz, Maxville, Ohio; M. E. Davis, Pasadena, Calif.; Morris Block, Chicago; A. R. Fluke, Detroit; John C. Lawson, Websterville, Vt.

The Appeal staff has contracted a habitual blush on its collective face as a result of the letters of warm praise it receives from the comrades.

Here is one that has something rather substantial about it:

"I received a copy of your issue of February 6. After having read same I think it will be worth about \$25 to me for a year's subscription."—Edward T. Wentworth, Chicago. This comrade sent in a check for \$25 for one year's subscription for the Appeal. The comrade is not even satisfied after paying this much for the Appeal. He has written a story, revolving somewhat around the personality of Debs, entitled "Blue Summits." He is ready to offer this volume free for any one who might get five subs for the Appeal.

Our old friend James D. Graham, formerly Socialist state secretary of Montana, orders a bundle from Billings and says: "It really looks as if the party is going to come back in this state. Back to where it was when Comrade Barnes was national secretary. It has been a long, dreary fight, but indications at present are that the blue is ready to sweep the country."

While the Appeal force was erecting such flimsy barricades as it could muster against this attack from the East, it was struck in the rear and almost put out of commission by local San Francisco—25 a week until further notice. We are not worrying about that notice.

While it was estimating the damage to capitalism—Local Redlins gave it a wallop that almost finished it. "The local," writes L. L. Stowe, secretary, "is endeavoring to systematically distribute a bundle of 25 of each week's issue and don't wish to miss any issue, or our plan will be spoiled."

We thought we were through with California for a few minutes when Local Red Bluff dealt us a blow that was anything but a bluff for a double-order of 50.

The Appeal staff is as happy as a shell-shocked, gassed, bruised and grubby crew of wrecked and sinking mariners can be. It realizes that some of the bundle orders from some of these nine locals have a time limit on them. But these locals are nibbling. THEY HAVE STARTED TO DO SOMETHING IN AN ORGANIZED WAY. THEY ARE GOING TO GET RESULTS AND BITE BIG SOON.

In addition to these nine locals, Local Cook County, two branch organizations in Chicago, Local Rochester, N.

Local Indianapolis dropped a shell with a stack of bills to pay for its 100 copies a week order. Secretary Lewellen writes. Local Newcastle has organized a squad to deliver them to avoid waste of time and papers. Yours for a million."

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So This Is Liberty!

By Geneva V. Wolcott.
Fettered hand and shackled foot
By the world powers that be;
Chained, and fretted, galled, enslaved—
Who will set us free?

Prostituted brain and brawn
(Is the soul of Lincoln see?)
Power of the privileged few—
Who will set us free?

Men open wide his maw,
Offered to his greed are we;
Sanctified on Mormon's shrine—
Who will set us free?

Shame ye craven scots who yield,
Bow the head and bend the knee!
Self compassion never will
Set the bondman free!

Know ye not that Right is Might?
Mankind knows not bribe nor fee.
With your own strong will ye can
Force your Liberty.

One man but knew this power
Linked in our fraternity,
They like Phoenix, would arise
Bold Resplendent, Free!

Youths the right to live and thrive,
Subject to no tyranny;
Wealth of health and happiness—
This is Liberty.

Brain-Drops

By GLEN CARRY

While the boss' THUMB
Covers YOUR loaf,
It matters LITTLE
If WARD'S thumb
Covers ALL the loaves.

In America, it is SAFER
To THINK what you say
Than to SAY what you think.

IT IS THE BALLOT
(Your ballot)
That CLOSED the door
To INDUSTRIAL democracy,
And the BALLOT
(Your ballot)

IS THE ONLY KEY
Which CAN open it—
WITHOUT CARNAGE.

MOST workers who are ALLOWED
To EARN and EAT today,
And COMPELLED
To IDLE and STARVE tomorrow,
THINK they are FREE.

CAPITALISM erects churches
And wrecks CHRISTIANITY.

THE WARD two-billion dollar
MERGER is but the FORERUNNER
of the INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY
which will make bread OWNERS of
all bread eaters.

Little Appeals

The small soul may remind you of another,
But with character of no one else.

The world laughs at lovers.
Life is what they make you.
Man's highest pleasure is receiving
from them.

A lover never saves much.
Knowledge doesn't make one wise.
Political scandal is as bad as the real thing.

Destitution is the thief of a good
time.

Two people talk well when they are
discussing themselves.

Early rising is a fine dream, if one
does not have to waken up.

The philosopher may be wise, but
certainly he has such little sense.

When you begin to chase a lie it
starts to beat the mischief.

Foolishness consists in only thinking
how silly most people are. It is much
sillier than the rudeness of telling it.

When a photographer tells a man
he looks natural, he invariably puts on
a fake expression.

Most people are opposed to freedom
because behind their backs.

Most people use up more than their
share of talk.

Everybody wants Socialism; but
most do not want what they imagine
it should be.

Most people are machines who work
and belong to someone else. They
work, but do not live, any more than
they sleep.

Blessed Be the Old Name

By Sam Flint.

We are told that there are many
who say that Socialism can never
exist until it changes its name.

Are the many who say that?
Are they so numerous as we are asked
to believe? Or does the noise pro-
duced by a few who are saying it
make it seem louder?

Now, in my opinion,

There is no remedy. That is
the only way to quiet that noise.

For always the timid are prone
to follow the example of the wicked.

But them go. They cannot lead us
anywhere. We should not trip them
when they start.

Socialism—not necessarily the name
but the thing itself—is in the thoughts
of men. Some think of it because
they love to think of it; others think
of it because they hate to think of it.

I am mistaken, then, in the notion that
you can achieve it on the sly.

If any group of men—even with-
out realizing their purpose—make one
step in the right direction, and in-
stantly that movement will be sight-

ed by thousand-eyed Capitalism, and
its mighty roar will rock Heaven and
Earth.

Young People's Department

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE
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Anne J. Parker, Nat. Director.

With the Circles

Milwaukee, Wis.—Comrade Wagner, member of the Yipsel National Executive Committee reports encouraging progress for the first months of the year. New applicants for membership are received at all meetings. The circle recently moved into new headquarters, being now located at the Metropolitan Hall, corner of 6th and Clark streets. Meetings are held here every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

Boston, Mass.—After energetic campaigning the Boston circle has acquired a piano for the meeting headquarters at 21 Essex street. The instrument made its Yipsel debut last Saturday at a special entertainment. Comrade Claesens, completing his lecture tour of New England, spoke at the meeting and presented a pleasing pantomime.

Answer of Italian Youth

The appeal recently issued by the Socialist Youth International to help the Italian comrades has invited a lively response from all affiliated organizations. The Yipsels of America are cooperating in this drive.

We publish here a letter which was received from the Italian Youth organization.

"Dear Comrades: We received news of your appeal, and in today's mail a letter enclosing a copy of the printed appeal sent to all affiliated national organizations. Your words and your deeds shall not be forgotten. They prove that the international union of young workers is no longer a beautiful ideal, but a concrete fact. The International of Socialist Youth has become a family which shares joys and sorrows. Your solidarity helps and supports us in our struggle, and gives us courage to believe that our sacrifices have not been in vain. Whatever lies ahead of us, we shall proceed with the encouraging knowledge of solidarity with comrades outside our boundaries. Three cheers for Socialism! Three cheers for the Socialist Youth International!"

The following is a copy of the leaflet distributed by the Italian young people:

"Young Workers: The Socialist idea has not died out. It cannot be destroyed, for in the blood of our martyrs and our fighters lives the same spirit that in former days encouraged our fore-fighters. True, they did not succeed, but we shall! The defeats of the proletariat have been caused mainly by the wanting of political and spiritual maturity. Therefore we have organized the Union of Italian Socialist Young Workers whose activities shall center principally upon educational and cultural tasks, but which also extend to the Socialist Party in all its battles.

"They do not all have the care and training under the mother's watchful eyes that they should have, as is evidenced by the laxness of the present generation—and of all generations, to be truthful; but thousands of little ones, and those half grown, would be literally thrown upon the streets, if the mothers went out to earn their support under present economic conditions. The freedom of the mothers would not suffice for the evil results that would follow such neglect. The average mother would not ask freedom at that cost."

"It is because women are so fully aware of the dependence of their young upon them that they give up their names for the support of themselves and their children. To change this condition the whole economic system would have to be changed.

The writer of the above realizes as most women do not, however, that the present family status began in slavery, and is an outgrowth of the patriarchal age or age when men ruled, and women were a little more than chattels. The monogamous family, with the husband as the "head," came into existence when it was realized that personal property could only be held "in the family" by legalizing one strain of offspring who would become the heads to the estate. It was then that men began to take unto themselves wives, one wife for the heirs, and all of their other women were held as concubines, slaves, mistresses, etc.

"Young workers, peasants, employees and students! Your task is to take care that the proletariat does not become a herd having no will of its own. It is only the working class that can fight for socialism against Fascism. Join our ranks. Our aim will always be the union of the working class for freedom. With unbroken courage and without shrinking we are beginning the long struggle, and we will keep it up until we triumph over the powers of reaction. The example of our never-to-be-forgotten fore-fighters, who gave his life for our cause will encourage us. All who fought with us in former struggles as well as those who have never affiliated themselves with a socialist organization, are welcome if they adopt the principles of the International of Socialist Youth.

"Come; let us fight for the greatest ideals, for Socialism!"

"Three cheers to a Socialist Italy!"

National Committee,
"Union of Italian Socialist Youth."

Austrian Youth Convention

Complete reports have just reached us on the Austrian Socialist Youth Convention, held last December 6th to 8th at Vienna. Besides a generous delegation of regular representatives of the youth locals, a large number of fraternal delegates were present from the various Labor organizations of Austria, Comrade Ollenhauer the International Secretary represented the International, Westphal the German Youth organization, and Kern the Bohemian League.

The national executive committee submitted a report stating that while a drop was to be noted in the dues sales, the support of the organization was growing stronger. More circles were reported for the past year, the total number having increased to 250. Of the total membership reaching just under 30,000, the majority are male members.

A motion to unite with the trade union movement was passed by a large majority. While the League still maintains its separate identity a connection is formed whereby trade union members become also league members at a separate dues scale. The Young

Worker, official organ of the league now becomes a joint periodical of the socialist and trade union youth.

The convention decided to organize a special school for preparing lecturers and directors for educational work amongst the membership.

Arrangements were made whereby the members of the Austrian Workers Gymnasts under 18 years of age shall be dual members of that organization and the Socialist Youth organization.

Women's Department

Josephine Conger

Woman's Freedom

(This was sent to the Appeal by M. Jacobson, Elmhurst, Ill.)

"The Constitution proclaims liberty and justice for all, but by the laws the women are deprived of both liberty and justice. By one law the women have not the liberty to keep their own name when they marry, but are forced to take a man's name just as if they were a man's property. If the women ruled that the men must take a woman's name, no man would stand such degradation. The women have not less feelings than a man, but more. By another law the mother's are robbed of their right to their children. By the law of Nature the children belong to the mother, and therefore the children should bear the mother's name.

"It is the mother who gives them life, and must suffer and work for them, not the father. The father gives himself gladly to his wife, and therefore has no right to claim what he gave; it is possible for him not even to know whether his wife's children are his. This shows clearly that the Creator never intended the men to have the first right to the children. The men are stronger physically and financially; they do not need to have the women's rights, too.

"As long as the women are oppressed they will revenge themselves and there will be no happiness in the world. The existing laws must be changed; they are contrary to justice for the women and a shame for the men."

The above is not printed as a sign of approval from this department. While theoretically and historically, as well as biologically, the argument set forth sounds correct, the present system is scarcely conducive to the establishment of the laws suggested by the writer. In other words, is she (or he) not taking matters a little by the forelocks, putting the care before the horse, and so on? Women today are dependent for their support upon another individual, that individual being their husbands and the fathers of their children. Mothers with young children could not very well go out and support them, if the children to whom they would become Socialists. Then—"Why, then, Socialism would be here." Joe responded.

The Filling Station

LINCOLN PHIFER

John Tocsin, secretary of the local, met Joe, the Standard Serv. on the street, and stopped him for a chat.

"I know of course that hired hands do practically everything that is done in business, and that they could be placed at the head of things under Socialism," Joe said, "but I can't help but wonder if they would be adequate for all the big problems that might come up."

"I don't see why they should not," John Tocsin replied. "They get along pretty well now; and consider what handicaps they have in the way of their success."

"Handicaps? I don't understand."

"Why, they not only have to manage every detail of the business but they also have to work out big profits for the rulers of industry. It is amazing that the workers could be hired to hold up the public for wages, and turn over the loot to the masters. But they do it."

"That is a new way of looking at it, for me."

"Now, with all the bond issues and with all the stock issues, the workers are finding themselves taxed to the limit. They must hold up their own relatives, including themselves and each other, in order to get the bootstrap necessary to show return on the fictitious values. There is a hopeful side to this proposition, though."

"And what is that?"

"That they may see how the masters are making cat's paws and criminals of them, and how they are taking them too hard to bring in all the returns demanded. Had you ever looked at it in this way? It would not be one-half so hard for three same workers to manage industry and do all the work of distribution, if they were freed from the need of providing profits for the so-called owners of industry?"

"Just a little reduction and they would be free from the masters," Joe responded.

Dog and Hunter—A Fable

A dog was trotting through the woods, trying to stalk game for his Master, who with a gun was following him.

"Why do you hunt for him?" a bird chirruped at him.

The astonished dog stopped and growled, "Because he feeds me."

"The game you stalk belongs to the man, does it not?" the bird chirruped.

"Certainly."

"Then you are hunting for him, not for yourself."

"But I get the skin and the entrails."

"And you hire yourself to hunt and take the lives of others for the refuse of that which you find and deliver to your master. And you love and cringe to the master who takes most of your product and gives only what he doesn't want."

--The dog is the Wage Slave, the Hunter is the owner of the machine.

The papers do not tell it, but business is mighty dull for most small dealers. They are near the jumping off place.

The fight against unionism is already on. It will never be over until Socialism comes.

Double Program to Arouse Nation

(Continued from Page 1)
ing Congress in the greatest protest in America in years, it is imperative that ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL KINDS BE INDUCED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS ALONG THE SAME LINE.

. Let every trade union, every educational benefit or recreational society, every civic and every progressive political organization, every progressive farmer group and every mass meeting of citizens in the nation send in a resolution as soon as possible.

Make four copies. Send one to each of the United States senators from your state. Send one to the congressman from your district. Send one to the American Appeal, 2653 Washington boulevard, Chicago.

Here is a resolution that might serve for a model:

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, in all countries except the United States, all political prisoners who were sentenced during the war have not only been released, but have had all civil rights restored; and

WHEREAS, our own government, founded in the spirit of political liberty, is assumed to be conducted for the extension and defense of freedom,—as manifested, for example, by our national government even toward the Confederate leaders after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in Eugene V. Debs the American people have a man whose strength of character, brilliant gifts, high idealism, and unselfish and commanding devotion to the cause of freedom and human progress for a full half century give this country cause to be sincerely proud of him and mark him for unique and enviable distinction for centuries to come;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the present these facts to the attention of our senators and congressmen and urge that, acting with the fairness that has characterized the best traditions of America, urge Congress to restore to Eugene V. Debs his civil rights and

connection with that incident. The day after I came out of jail I happened to meet on the street one of the highest judges in this state—I know him because I play in tennis tournaments with his son. The old gentleman patted me on the back and said: "Go to it, my boy, you are absolutely right!"

But when I asked him to say that publicly, he didn't think it would be proper; and when I asked him to join the Civil Liberties Union, and help to protect all citizens in such rights, he didn't think that would be proper, either. You see how even the most liberal of judges is bound by red tape and precedent, and leaves it to others to defend the law.

I have seen in Los Angeles a magazine office raided without warrant of law, and the editor, a war veteran, manhandled and thrown into jail—all because the authorities objected to what this editor was publishing. And not only did the courts permit this, they tried him and would have convicted him if he had not run away.

All over the country such things were done, with the full sanction of the courts. In New York City federal agents arrested a man and held him in a room in an office building for three weeks "incommunicado

America Looted of Billions by New Stock Jugglings

By Lincoln Phifer

The people think they are buying stocks in many industries. In reality they are paying in full for the industries and then having nothing whatever in them. They are being robbed by the bandits of business. They are selling themselves into slavery, and doing it gleefully as though they were making their future secure.

All this appears from an article contributed to the January Atlantic Monthly by William Z. Ripley, professor of economics at Harvard university. He is a recognized authority on finance and industry, and author of a book on "Trusts, Pools and Corporations." What follows are the words of an upholder of this criminal system, not of a dangerous Socialist. Peruse them carefully:

The public is buying out the mail, rest the last vestige of power of participation of the owners of property in prudent and efficient management. These last two years—1924-1925—promise to go down in history like the Year of the Plague, or the Year of Big Wind—as the Years of the Split Common Stock and the Vanishing Stockholder.

No-Voting Stock

Even before the World War the practice was not uncommon, outside of railroads, of getting off preferred shares as non-voting. The amount of these issues was in those days adjusted to the tangible assets, leaving the common share to represent the equity, which depended upon successful management, to be secured by the exercise of the voting rights. The late invention now splits up those common shares. To be in the mode, one has, let us call it, "Class A Participating Common Stock," with a first claim on earnings after satisfaction of all prior claims of preferred stock and bonds is cared for. This leaves

a 'Class B' common stock, representing, according to circumstances, the cream, the scum, the froth or the sediment of the business; for the full voting rights attach EXCLUSIVELY to this Class B Common Share, none, or only a minority of which are offered to the public at all.

The appetite for the preferred shares may sometimes be whetted by a favoring of the Class A common shares, but not of those which carry votes.

The Case of Dodge Brothers

"The recent Dodge Brothers, Inc. is typical. A banking house buys up a private business for, it has been said, \$46 million dollars or thereabouts. This sum, and more too, they recover—if the plan works out—by sale to the public, for 160 million dollars, of bonds and preferred stock at par and 1½ million non-voting shares of Class A common stock. But not a single one of the ½ million Class B voting (no par) common shares are thus sold. The promoters have virtually paid themselves a handsome profit for the assumption of the entire directorial power, having mortgaged the property to the full amount of its original cost through outstanding bonds and preferred stock, including both assets and capitalized earnings power.

And No Public Protest

"And the amazing thing is that this final death blow to the exercise of voting rights by the general public

has brought no voice of protest. Yet the plan bears every appearance of a bald and outrageous theft of the last vestige of responsibility for management of the actual owners by those who are setting up these latest financial creations. Isn't it the prettest case ever known of having a cake and eating it too?

"There is no concealment about all this. It is perfectly open and above board. But who, we ask, under these circumstances has really given a hostage of fortune, to the public, or to the employees for honest and economic management of the business? The promoters stand to lose only the amount of their stake—a minus quantity in dollars as far as the non-voting shares have been made to cover not only the value of the tangible assets but the prospective capitalization of earnings. It is the public stockholders, the consumer and the wage earner, who stand to lose in event of misdirection. How can there be other than a whirlwind of abuse of power under such conditions?

"Nor is it our great basic industries which are being swept by this plague. Most of the great combinations had their rise twenty-five years ago, with a minor outbreak in 1911-12. Today it is neither the Steel Corporation nor the Harvester Trust, nor the railroads which are following these newly beaten paths.

Wide Distribution of Stocks

"There is of late another financial practice, also, which greatly accentuates this nullification of the ordinary shareholder. This is the wide distribution of stock to employees and the consumers of the corporation's products, whether electric service, steel, or what not. The effect in any event is bound to be cumulative with that of the insulation of professional management power between ownership and operation.

"Corporations have always been susceptible to control by concentration of voting power. Far less than half of the capital stock may be effective for such control as possession of an actual majority. But it is elemental—requiring as proof—that the larger the number of shareholders, the more easily may a small concentrated block of minority shares exercise sway over all the rest. With a dozen owners, probably 51 per cent will be necessary for dominance. With three hundred thousand scattered holdings, a possible 15 to 20 per cent of the votes can never be overmatched at an election. In 1922 there were 74 million stockholders registered in the electric light and power companies alone.

and the well-to-do class. Now it comprehends the small householder and large numbers of wage-earners.

Stockholders Barred

"But there is more yet to this story of the rape of the public stockholder! Far too many of these new securities are subject to the following proviso, which looks white enough superficially, but which has more than an indication of color at the base of the finger nail: 'No holder of stock of the corporation, of whatever class, shall have any preferential or other right of subscription to any shares of stock of any class, or any securities convertible into shares of the stock of the corporation, nor any right of subscription to any thereof, other than such, if any, as the board of directors in its discretion may determine, and at such price as the board of directors may fix; and any shares or convertible securities which the board of directors may determine to offer for subscription to holders of stock may, as said board of directors shall determine, be offered to holders of any class or classes of stock at the time existing to the exclusion of holders of any or all other classes at the time existing.'

Stockholder Makes a Free Gift

"Such clauses, with devilish ingenuity, look sound enough above water line; but they certainly will not stand examination in dry dock. For not only has the shareholder parted with every prestige of control of the enter-

prise represented by his investment, but now he makes a free gift of such rights as may accrue, resulting from future growth of the property. If therefore it has been a fundamental rule in corporation law that there shall be no discrimination whatever between shareholders, there may be between creditors and owners; but by this device even the common shareholders are now set off, to the end that an inordinate share, if indeed not all, of the increment of profits in future shall attach to the holdings of those who are in the know.

Why They Submit

"Why do stockholders submit to such indignity? The technique is simple, relying upon a fundamental attribute of human nature. Mr. Robert F. Herrick of Boston, in a frank address on holding companies, describing the manner in which the exchange of shares in one corporation for those of another may be brought about, thus puts it: 'All the stockholders act like a flock of sheep. In the main they follow the lead of the directors, and if the details of carrying the plan through are so arranged that the stock in the new company has an apparent money value greater than the stock of the old company for which it is offered, the exchange once started takes place generally, and when a majority of the stock in the companies is exchanged, practically the consolidation is affected.'

There you have it in the words of an expert!

Power Trust Imperils Nation, Says Thompson

Muscle Shoals Issue Reopened

Washington, D. C.—The debate on Muscle Shoals brought the government ownership and the private ownership protagonists into a clash today. Senator Norris (Rep., Neb.) led the former and insisted that the pending senate-house concurrent resolution to invite new leases was out of order because it undertakes to amend "permanent statute of the United States," which can be done only by a joint resolution.

Norris Is Overruled. Vice President Dawes ruled the point or order—not well taken, and, upon Norris' appeal from the decision of the chair, the senate finally voted by 55 to 15 to lay the appeal on the table. The news in that vote was that after six years the senate is showing a desire to reach a settlement of the Muscle Shoals problem.

Peril of Power Trust

By Carl D. Thompson

We are approaching the most serious crisis of the present generation.

There is on foot nationwide, in fact, a worldwide movement to completely monopolize the power resources of the nation and the world. It is a movement that imperils democracy and popular institutions. The control of electric power means the control of the entire industrial life of the people. For, with the rapid advance of electrical service it will not be very long until every industry, every public utility, every farm and every home will be absolutely dependent upon electric power. If power is monopolized, the nation is monopolized.

Over 20,000,000 of the 55,000,000 horsepower of potential hydro-electric resources of the country are already owned or have been applied for by the

companies. They have twice defeated the people of the state of California in their efforts to conserve their great hydro-electric power resources through state ownership, and once the people of South Dakota and Washington.

Municipal Plants Imperiled

The literature of the power interests loudly boasts of the fact that over 350 municipally owned light and power plants have been abandoned, sold or turned over to them. While this is greatly exaggerated the fact remains that every one of the 2,581 municipally owned light and power plants in the United States is imperiled by this gigantic power trust and the people are in danger of losing the advantages they already enjoy.

Mergers and Combinations

Meanwhile, combinations, mergers and acquisitions by the power companies are going on with astonishing rapidity. The Public Ownership League has prepared and introduced in Congress the Norris-Keller bill providing for a general nation-wide public power system. It co-operates with the progressive forces in Congress in the effort to save Muscle Shoals and make it the first unit of the public power system. It works with the city of Los Angeles and the people of the Southwest for the public development of the hydroelectric power of the Colorado river; with Seattle, Tacoma and the Northwest, for a similar development of the Columbia river. It has had in its membership from the beginning, the late Sir Adam Beck and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and co-operates with them and other similar forces for public power in the Northeast. It co-operates with the local, state, national and international organizations of labor and with the organized farmers. Locally, it has already co-operated with literally hundreds of cities in helping them to acquire or build or to hold and extend electric light and power plants.

Are you going to surrender? Will you stand idly by and let this threatened disaster come upon you, your home-state, nation? If not, take bold with us. Give us your help. No combination in this world can stand against the plain people if the plain people will stand together.

Trust Intrenches

Thus we are face to face with the most powerful, most determined and the most far-reaching and penetrating monopoly the world has ever seen. IT HAS A POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE NATIONAL PUBLICITY AND PROPAGANDA ORGANIZATION OF ITS OWN WITH BRANCH

Clip here. Attach to blank sheets of paper for names and addresses. When filled, send immediately to American Appeal, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago.

Petition for Restoration of Citizenship to Eugene V. Debs

WHEREAS, Eugene V. Debs was deprived of his citizenship when he was sentenced to a federal prison for opposition to the World War, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs has been released from prison without citizenship, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs was sentenced under a special emergency law to fit a special emergency, and in view of the fact that this law and this emergency no longer exist, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs' motives from his viewpoint were pure and patriotic and in no way culpable or criminal, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs is a man of loftiest and purest motive, devoted whole-heartedly to a life-long work of making this country, as he sees it, greater and better, and

WHEREAS, amnesty or parole has been granted by the United States government in all cases similar to that of Mr. Debs and full citizenship has been restored in such cases by all the other governments of the former Allies; therefore

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS, RESPECTFULLY PETITION THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RESTORE TO EUGENE V. DEBS HIS FULL RIGHTS AS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

Name

Address

Sinclair Socialist Choice for Governor in California Race

Sac Francisco.—Upton Sinclair, author well known to the readers of the Appeal, was nominated to run for Governor of California at an enthusiastic convention of the Socialist Party here. Lena Morris Lewis, national Social-



Upton Sinclair

ist organizer, received the nomination for Lieutenant Governor. Judge Ben Ryckman of Los Angeles was asked to run on a non-partisan ticket for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as a protest against the reactionary decisions of the present incumbents on the water power act.

The two most prominent planks in the platform adopted by the California Socialists was one favoring a system of state marketing and one opposing the criminal syndicalist law and inaugurating a drive against it.

Sinclair Outlines Program

In a speech of acceptance Comrade Sinclair stressed the importance of the repeal of the criminal syndicalism act, the passage of a new Water and Power act, the public ownership of water, gas, electricity, power, transportation, and the establishment of a "State Bank of California with branches in every city and town; by means of which the people can use their own money to finance those public enterprises which are necessary to the people's life."

Continuing, Mr. Sinclair said, "I urge a tax upon land values graduated so as to penalize the holding of land out of use. Such a law will make farm land easy to get, and will make food plentiful and cheap. It will deliver the homeseekers from the grip of speculators. Take the money derived from such a tax and set up public markets and department stores in the cities and put out of business the middlemen who now triple and quadruple the price of food between the farmer and consumer."

Monstrous Syndicalism Law

Most significant of all, perhaps, was Comrade Sinclair's declaration of open and uncompromising war on the monstrous criminal syndicalism law, which is among the most drastic and cruel and unjust in the United States. Describing this law the Socialist candidate said:

"We seek to educate the people; and we are confronted by a law which penalizes the expression of political opinions by fourteen years in the jungle mill at San Quentin. I wish to state to the voters of this Commonwealth, with all the earnestness of which I am capable, that I have studied the court records of the criminal syndicalism cases in California; I have talked with six lawyers who have defended the prisoners, and it is a fact that never in any court was an act of violence proven against any defendant,

Dr. Bauer Finds Much Socialism and Cause for Hope in Russia

Article III Socialism in Russia

By Dr. Otto Bauer.

Following an investigation of conditions in Russia by a group of Austrian Socialists.

Hand in hand with this, the situation of the Russian workers has also improved along another line. Immediately after the Revolution the Bolsheviks produced a very fine scheme of social legislation, which in many points, for instance in the protection of young workers, surpasses our own. In the famine period all that remained a dead letter. In proportion as industry is recovering, this legislation is now being put into practice, and thereby assuming a real significance.

The same holds good of measures of social welfare. Attempts have been made to set up children's homes, homes for young workers and apprentices, and also homes of recuperation. At the period of the worst distress very little could be done in this direction, but today all who have seen the conditions depict them, and especially these homes of recuperation for workers on leave, as being remarkably fine.

The mansions and villas in health resorts have been requisitioned and organized for the workers. It is true that still only a very small fraction of the Russian working-class can avail themselves of these. It was stated at the last congress of the Russian metal workers that 3½ per cent of the metal workers organized in the union had the opportunity of entering these homes.

Education Advances

The same holds good again of the school system. The Soviet Government drafted a far-reaching program of school reform, but at the time of civil war it was unrealizable. In truth, at that time the Russian School system had dwindled to nothing. Now the program of reform, though certainly very slowly, is beginning.

nor was any such act even charged.

These men are in jail because of doctrines alleged to be taught by their organization, and crimes alleged to have been committed by other members; these crime-committing members being men who were paid the sum of \$250 a week by the state of California, to travel about from place to place and give testimony to the effect that ten years ago they committed crimes—the purpose of their paid testimony being to send to prison other men, who had committed no crimes, and had not even belonged to the organization at the time the alleged crimes were committed."

The vital point for us socialists is

that there is now hope, which indeed is not yet grounded, but which may be within a few years, that capitalists are not essential to a state. You will realize what a reinforcement it would bring to socialism throughout all Europe, if it were possible to prove that.

Socialism Developing

Today we are not yet so far. It is still not socialism which exists in Russia, but also it is not capitalism: It is a country in a state of transition, its social economy contains very many capitalist elements, but also very many socialist ones.

BIG INDUSTRY, FOREIGN TRADE ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE STATE, A FURTHER PART IN THOSE OF THE CO-OPERATIVES; CAPITALISM HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM A CONSIDERABLE SPHERE OF ECONOMIC LIFE.

Today European capitalism can still say to us: prices there are still high, the cost of production is still high, for the time being capitalist industry can produce better.

Must Stand by Russia

Today that is still undeniable, but we note the progress, the drift of the development, and thus we may hope that if the Russians are left in peace they may make further progress, and actually provide the proof, which cannot yet be regarded as given, the experimental proof that capitalists are not indispensable.

CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF SOCIALISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT THE GREAT EXPERIMENT OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION SHALL NOT BE DISTURBED BY HOSTILE CAPITALIST POWERS.

This is the ground for our point of view, to which we have always adhered and will adhere, that the working-class in all countries has a vital interest in shielding the Soviet Republic. Whatever may divide us from the Bolsheviks, we must maintain complete solidarity with Russia in the face of capitalist acts of hostility. We Australian socialists have always stood for this, and that explains also why in Marseilles we opposed the one-sided anti-Bolshevism of certain other parties. That is the reason why our comrades in the Co-operative Movement pursued the same policy at the co-operative conference in Paris, the reason also why Compte Hueber (the Austrian representative in the I. F. T. U.) in Amsterdam stood for a like point of view.

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